

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, lines 5-15; with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The syringe block can additionally comprise certain elements necessary for the functioning of the apparatus into which it is integrated, in particular an automatic analysis machine, these elements being advantageously fixed on the collector, which thus serves as a support. Among these elements can be at least a dilution chamber 52 and/or a measurement chamber 52 and/or an incubation chamber 52 and/or ~~a hydraulic circulation vessel~~ an optical and resistivity measurement circulation vessel 53 and/or an optical bench 51. The dilution chamber, measurement chamber, incubation chamber, an optical and resistivity measurement circulation vessel and/or optical bench may be fixed on the collector and/or linked directly to a respective electronic switch valve by a duct among the second ducts. An element can also be a card carrying electronic circuits, said electronic circuits being used in the analysis where the said block is used in an automatic analysis machine. The card may be fixed on the collector. Thus, integrated into the syringe block, all these elements are close to one another, and in particular to the collector and the valves which distribute the different liquids.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, lines 4-8; with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The syringes also include a syringe 12 for the handling of a diluting product 41, a syringe 13 for the handling of a lytic product [[41]] 42, a syringe 14 for the handling of a cleaning product [[42]] 43, and two syringes 15,16, coupled so as to form an air pump, specially assigned to the removal of waste 44, during or at the end of the analysis.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, lines 9-14; with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The untreated sample is introduced into the automated machine using the needle 61, then placed by this needle into a tank 52 [[62]], serving in particular to dilute it. The syringes 15, 16 forming the air pump, can in particular be used to take a sample from a receptacle 63, communicating direct with the tank 52 [[62]], with a view to a counting. This sampling is carried out by creating a depression inside the receptacle 63 using the air pump. --